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Twenty-third report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/29), submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70.

2. As indicated in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the statement by the Secretary-General, under the terms of paragraph 8 of the draft resolution the Assembly would request the Secretary-General, if necessary, "to send a team of experts to Cambodia as may be required" for the preparation of his report on implementation of the resolution. The cost of sending a team of experts to Cambodia for a two-week period in January 2003 is estimated at $44,800 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for the members of the team, with substantive support to be provided by the Office of Legal Affairs and the Department of Political Affairs.

3. The Committee notes the indication in paragraph 4 of the statement by the Secretary-General that no provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the activities proposed in the draft resolution, and that therefore, should the General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution, additional resources would be required under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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4. Nevertheless, the Committee recommends that, at this stage, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, the additional requirement of $44,800 be met from within existing resources under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Any requirement for an additional appropriation could be indicated in the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.